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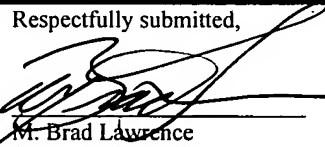
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is/are:

1. Transmittal Form (1 page);
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
3. PTO Form 1449 (2 page);
4. Copies of References B1-B4; and
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

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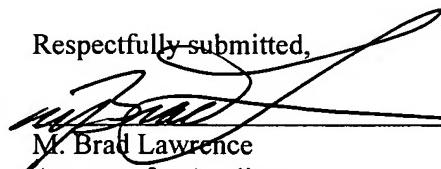
It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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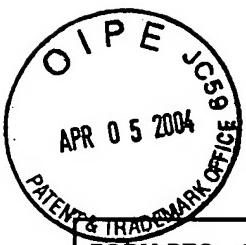

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	A45	5,317,394	05/31/94	Hale et al.			348	208	04/30/92
	A46	5,699,444	12/16/97	Palm			382	106	03/31/95
	A47	5,729,471	03/17/98	Jain et al.			364	514	03/31/95
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	A49	6,185,314	02/06/01	Crabtree et al.			382	103	02/06/98
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